

2022 Medicaid Matters Coalition DRAFT Policy Priorities

Support Medicaid as an effective program and a smart investment in Iowans' health.

- Advance policies that improve transparency and accountability within Iowa's Medicaid program.
- Invest in the state's information technology systems and ongoing initiatives to ensure robust and accurate eligibility verification systems are in place.

Protect Medicaid from harmful changes and funding cuts. Medicaid helps Iowans get and stay healthy—so they can work, further their education and take care of their families.

- Oppose barriers that take away health care from Iowans and increase administrative costs to the state, including work reporting requirements and ongoing/repeated verification checks

Expand access to essential services. To attract and retain providers—and assure availability of the services they provide—Iowa must issue Medicaid reimbursements in a timely manner *and* at a higher rate. To reduce barriers to access, telehealth should be optimized as a critical tool to help Iowans get the health care they need.

- Increase provider reimbursement rates for all Medicaid providers and invest in the Medicaid workforce by ensuring that a portion of the rate increase is directed to salary and wages for frontline staff. Rates should be reviewed on a consistent and regular basis (e.g., biannually).
- Reduce the administrative burden associated with Medicaid billing, such as implementing a single credentialing system across the MCOs, prohibiting recoupment beyond 24 months, etc.
- Extend telehealth parity to physical health services and maintain telehealth flexibilities.